



**STATE BOARD FOR ENGINEERING, LAND SURVEYING AND GEOLOGY
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS**

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Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 9:30 A.M.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Primary Board Members Present:

- J. Martin, P.E. (Chair)
- R. Nogle, P.E. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- R. Watt, P.G. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- J. Janora, P.G. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- R. Frandina, P.E., L.S. (remote in Buffalo, NY)
- M. Rygel, P.G.
- P. VanHaverbeke, L.S.
- D. D'Angelo, P.E.
- G. Marcus, P.E. (remote in Hauppauge, NY)
- T. Mitchell, P.E. (remote in Rochester, NY)
- L. Woods, P.E.
- S. Porter, L.S.

Extended Board Members Present:

- None

Primary Board Members Absent:

- B. Holbritter, L.S. (Vice Chair)
- F. Flanagan, L.S.
- S. Alampalli, P.E.

Department Personnel:

- E. Greppo, P.E. – Executive Secretary (ES)
- K. Fitzgerald – Associate in Professional Education
- N. Brooks – Administrative Assistant I (remote in Albany, NY), left at approximately 12:30 P.M., returned at approximately 12:35 P.M.

Visitors:

- Campbell Wallace – NYSCPG
- Mark Kriss – NYSSPE, left at 12:06 P.M.

- John Nadeau – NYSCPG, left at 12:05 P.M.
- Emily Whalen – NYSAPLS, left at 11:53 A.M.
- Yunlu Chen – SEAoNY

1. Call to Order – Open Session

Chair Martin called the Open Session to order at 9:33 A.M.

2. Introductions

Board members, Department staff, and visitors provided brief introductions.

3. Meeting Minutes

The Open Session meeting minutes from September 4, 2025, were reviewed.

Motion – Mitchell/Watt: Approve September 4, 2025, meeting minutes.

PASSED, with two (2) abstentions (Member Woods and Member Porter).

4. Chair Report

Chair Martin deferred commentary to committee reports and associated business.

5. Executive Secretary Report

- ES thanked all Board Members for their continuous work on application reviews.
- All Board Members have completed their biennial Ethics training.
- ES will include Board committee activity summary memos in future open session packets, intending to improve meeting efficiencies and allow for more substantial conversations.
- New Board appointments will be staggered over the next few years for succession and knowledge transfer.
- Pages 9-10 of the Open Session packet contain the Board Office Report, including NYSED/OP/Staff Outside Activities, License Statistics, and Office of Professional Discipline Enforcement Actions. ES provided an update that 31 new P.G. licenses have been issued in 2025 thus far and highlighted other licensing trends.

6. Professional Engineering (P.E.) Committee Report

Chair Nogle summarized the October 22, 2025, NCEES Structural Exam webinar. NCEES is leading the outcome assessment and will coordinate revisions for this exam as appropriate. The pass rate is low since the transition from written to Computer Based Testing (CBT) format. Unlike some jurisdictions, NYSED does not require the NCEES structural specific exam. Guest Chen shared that SEAoNY intends to send a letter to NCEES related to the exam.

ES mentioned that NCEES Annual Meeting delegate call is due in early 2026. He plans to attend and hopes to have an outreach presence at the ASCE NYS Council Convention in May. ES commented that the NSPE Annual Meeting in August will be a joint meeting with NYSSPE and may include a Board outreach opportunity. The full list of recent past and upcoming meetings, webinars, and presentations is listed on page 1 (6.a.) in the Open Session packet.

7. Land Surveying (L.S.) Committee Report

In Chair Holbriiter's absence, ES shared that they will be attending the Colonial States Boards of Surveyor Registration meeting on 12/19. As part of NYSAPLS annual conference, ES encouraged all L.S. Board members to attend the New Licensee Ceremony on January 26, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. ES is asking committee members to review and comment on the current version of the NYSAPLS exam review preparation manual. The 2026 spring workshop date has been adjusted to better align with the fall exam date and will be held April 10 – 11. The full list of recent past and upcoming meetings, webinars, and presentations are listed on page 2 (6.b.) in the Open Session packet.

8. Professional Geology (P.G.) Committee Report

Chair Watt remarked that the committee met on October 16, 2025, to continue work on experience guidelines and licensure qualifying (LQ) program content guidance. For LQ, language was updated to define and better align education practice areas and terminology used by ASBOG and NCEES. A draft final document for LQ program content was completed at the committee meeting held on December 3, 2025.

Geology Days was hosted last month by NYSCPG. Chair Watt commented that the NYSED presentation has continued to improve over the past two (2) years. There are still misconceptions about the regulated practice of professional practice. A new licensee ceremony was also held at the conference. Two lunchtime virtual presentations hosted by NYSCPG will be held in April 2026 involving licensure application preparation and ethics. Member Rygel shared that the 2027 GSA Annual Meeting will be held October 17-20 in Montreal with an anticipated 5,000 to 6,000 attendees. The full list of recent past and upcoming meetings, workshops, and conferences is listed on page 2 (6.c.) in the Open Session packet.

9. Access & Outreach to the Professions Committee Report

Chair Woods noted that many of the outreach activities are listed within the professional committee reports. New York Association of Towns facilitated outreach (packet pages 11-12) was created by NYSAPLS; the Board may collaborate with professional associations to distribute outreach materials of a similar nature over the next six (6) months. The committee is working with NYSAPLS and NYSCPG on video development for outreach.

10. Education Committee Report

Chair Mitchell reported that the committee met on October 9, 2025, and reviewed four (4) programs. Additional details on those reviews will be shared in Executive Session.

11. Legislation Committee Report

Chair Janora shared that the governor signed bill S3799C/A357B related to access to adjoining properties to make improvements or repairs. Committee activity will likely increase when the legislative session resumes next month. Landscape Architecture Continuing Education (A7561/S7220) was signed by the governor. ES shared that an intention was to align continuing education among all the design professions. Pages 13-15 in the open session packet contain the legislative tracker.

12. Project Delivery Methods Committee Report

Chair D'Angelo commented that no committee meetings have been held since the last Board meeting. Papers on bundling and risk-sharing will be discussed during the next committee meeting. A meeting will be scheduled for February 2026 to discuss state and national issues. ES shared that the formal review of the design-build white paper is tabled, as he is working internally on defining scope and needs at the department level.

13. Continuing Business

- i. Continuing Education: ES will be updating the FAQ's and public-facing guidance. Will virtually collaborate with entities to obtain feedback, lessons learned, and trends to inform the updates. He also plans to study NCEES Model Law as it may inform national perspective. The goal of these updates is to provide clarity for licensees. Board members will be utilized for reviewing draft comments.
- ii. New York State Specific Land Surveying Exam: The committee is reviewing the current item bank. An intention of this review is to minimize overlap with the national exam and maintain focus on NYS specific content and necessary content that the national exam may not cover for NYS examinees.
- iii. Licensing Exam Histories: Page 21 in the open session packet discusses how the P.E. and L.S. exams have changed over time. Exam references are now supplied electronically. Generally, more disciplines and sub-disciplines are now offered; if there is a professional need for an exam (e.g., public protection), it will be offered. Exams are not eliminated due to financial viability. Member Nogle provided additional information on exam pass rates. Public Land Survey System (PLSS) exam related questions were mentioned by Member VanHaverbeke as some lands in NYS may require PLSS awareness. The Board was reminded that Geology grandfathered applicants were not required to take ASBOG examinations.
- iv. Fraudulent Use of Seals: ES included a reference article (pages 30-36 in the open session packet) that highlights Architecture but touches on other design professions. Although it is not required, some individual licensees are proactively selecting to use a stamp authenticator. ES commented that an internal discussion was held between NYSED and DOS to discuss the increasing trend of fraudulent use of seals.
- v. Application Experience Forms: ES wants to review current licensure application experience forms and related instruction/guidance information for each Board profession. An ad hoc committee was previously established to assist with this task. Comments were requested from the Board during the meeting to inform the edits. Some notable remarks included reviewing criteria to accept a NCEES record; establishing a clearer way to follow revisions within application resubmissions; requiring an addendum form for a rewrite; increasing data entry limit for NCEES records; and consideration of requiring references in addition to experience endorers. The committee will meet in early 2026 (date TBD).

14. Break

Open session adjourned for a break at 11:53 A.M. and resumed at 12:05 P.M.

15. New Business

- i. 2026 Board Chair, Vice-Chair Elections: Members Mitchell and Watt nominated Chair Martin and Vice-Chair Holbritter to continue in their respective roles for 2026.

Motion – D’Angelo/Woods: Re-elect Chair Martin and Vice-Chair Holbritter to continue in their respective roles for 2026.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- ii. 2026 Committee Chairs: Will discuss potential new L.S. chair at next committee meeting. ES will update committee roster to reflect the four (4) member updates requested during the meeting.
- iii. Artificial Intelligence: ES commented that this discussion is proactive; there is no formal request from the department to provide comments to date. Open session packet pages 80-87 include NCEES’ Responsible Use position statement, North Carolina guidelines, and a Texas policy advisory opinion. Some notable remarks included treating AI like an entry-level engineer; consider building AI guidance into guidelines; internal versus external large language models (LLMs); licensee is still in responsible charge; and impact of NYS AI policy.
- iv. ES shared that ICOR held a Member Board Meeting on 12/8 on practice overlap guidance. The final draft will be shared with the Board; this document is not yet public facing.
- v. ES will soon meet with the L.S. committee to discuss the different ABET program accreditation commissions related to land surveying programs.

16. Resolution for Executive Session and Adjournment

Motion – Martin/Porter: Move to adjourn open session and move directly to Executive Session at 12:40 P.M.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Greppo, P.E.
Executive Secretary